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In re the application of: Nam-Kyeong KIM, et al.

Serial No.: 10/025,913 / Group Art Unit: 2823

Filed: December 26, 2001 / Examiner: Nguyen, Khiem D.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

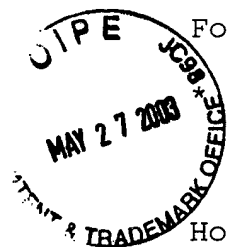
Honorable Commissioner for Patent
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May 27, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Request for Restriction mailed April 29, 2003 (Paper No. 4), Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 330, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. The claims of Group I (Claims 1-13) drawn to a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device and the claims of Group II (Claims 14-17) drawn to a semiconductor device are closely related to each other and define a single invention. The semiconductor device defined in claims 14-17 is manufactured by the process of claims 1-13, and thus, claims 1-17 define a single inventive concept. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine the claims of both groups. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-17 be examined.



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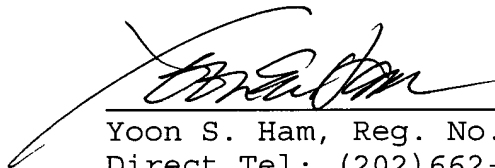
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An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If a Petition for Extension is necessary and the petition and/or check is not enclosed, this will act as a petition to extend the time for response and authorization to charge the necessary fees under 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) to Deposit Account 06-1358.

Respectfully submitted,



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